Rajasthan for shutting down their Kota plant;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of labourers who are likely to be affected as a result thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any action to safeguard the interests of the workers and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) According to Government of Rajasthan, the appropriate authority in this case, the management of Sriram Rayons, Kota had submitted an application on 9-3-1987 under section 25(0) of the A.D. Act, 1947 seeking permission of the State Government to close down the establishment mainly for reasons of obsolete technology and labour unrest. The application for closure was considered and rejected by the State Government by an order passed on 7.5.87. On 21.5.87, the management made a further application seeking reference of the issue relating to closure to the Tribunal for adjudication. The matter is under the consideration of the State Government. The closure if permitted, is likely to affect 1539 workers.

(d) Does not arise.

Landing of Indian Sikhs in Canada

1756. SHRI P. M. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 174 Indian Sikhs had landed at Charlesville in Canada by boat and that they had reportedly left India on the 20th May last; and

(b) if so, what are the circumstances under which these Sikhs could leave the country in an unauthorised manner and their escape could not be detected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information available 174 persons, most of whom were sikhs had landed at Charlesville by boat on July 12, 1987. The group included 4 Pakistanis and Turkish woman. Enquiries have not established that they left India on May 20, 1987, as claimed by them. The Canadian investigators have on the other hand established that the ship by which they travelled had set sail from Rotterdam in Holland.

विदेशी पादरियों को भारत छोड़ने का आदेश

1757. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिल्ली से प्रकाशित होने वाले दिनांक 13 जुलाई, 1987 के "जनसत्ता" में "तीन विदेशी पादरियों को भारत छोड़ने का आदेश" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) उन विदेशी पादरियों के नाम तथा उनकी राष्ट्रीयता क्या है जिनके संबंध में बिहार और मध्य प्रदेश की राज्य सरकारों ने उनके क्रिया-कलापों को देश के लिये खतरनाक समझकर उन्हें देश से निष्कासित करने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार से सिफारिश की है ; और

(ग) इनमें से उन पादरियों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें राज्य सरकारों द्वारा उनके निष्कासन की सिफारिश किये जाने के बावजूद केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उन्हें भारत में निश्चित अवधि के समाप्त हो जाने के बाद कुछ और समय के लिए रहने की अनुमति प्रदान की गई और उनकी यह अवधि और कितने समय के लिये बढ़ाई गई ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) जी, हां, श्रीमान ।